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YOU ARE INVITED

On Friday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. our seminary community has been invited to have a meal at the Spanish Center here in Lancaster. In sponsoring this event, the Seminarian Community Council hopes that it'll be a time of fellowship and learning with members of the Spanish-speaking community. Spanish-speaking persons make up a considerable percentage of the population in our city, and we believe that we can gain a great deal from them about the problems they face and are facing. Also, this will be a time for members of their community to get to know a little about us in the process. The week after we have our meal with them, the S.C.C. will lead a two-day drive for those of you who would like to contribute to the work that goes on in the Spanish Center. Everyone is invited and members of the Middler Class will be attending this event as part of their introduction and preparation for this year's Seminar Abroad. If you would like to take part in this unique program, please place a note in the mail box of Lee Jessup or Doug Dandridge. Let them know by the 23rd if you are coming, and they will get to you about transportation, location, etc. Buena suerte; hasta luego.

Adios,

Lee Jessup

GUATAMALA

The collection received at the chapel service for relief aid to Guatamala amounted to to \$150.00. Along with this gift go our prayers.

Alice

YOUTH RALLY

All youth fellowships are invited to a presentation of "Tell It Like It Is" on Sunday evening March 28th at 7:00 p.m. The rally, being held at St. John's U.C.C., 1921 Wheatland Ave. Lancaster, will include the folk musical with instrumental accompaniment, a sing-a-long of some of the familiar verses and a brief discussion. Refreshments will be served. For further information see Charlie Hull.

"THE APOSTLE"

A folk musical, "The Apostle", concerning the life of Paul, will be presented this Sunday, March 21st at Zion U.C.C. in York, Pa. The performance will start at 3:00 p.m. The free will offering will be applied to the York Assoc. Ministerial Student Fund. Seminarians Rick Shearer and Charlie Hull will be doing the narration for this musical, which is an interesting treatment of Paul's life and theology. For further information please contact Rick or Charlie.

"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"

On March 28, the United Methodist Church will be receiving contributions for the "One Great Hour Of Sharing". We would like to encourage the Methodist students at LTS to contribute to a donation that would be made in the name of the United Methodist Students of LTS. It is our hope that each UM student will give a dollar if possible. If you care to participate contact Jim Garner or Dr. Hartley.

DOGS, PEOPLE, AND RATTLESNAKES

It's surprisn' how much you can learn about people from a good bird dog. I remember Joe Warren's dog, Spec. He was a big, rangy, liver colored pointer, with a hard, stubborn head, a loud bark, and a belligerent manner. We used him with my dogs (which Joe had given me) when we hunted quail together. Everytime we let Spec out of the truck he'd take off for the nearest woods, and if we were lucky enough to find a covey next to it, he'd point. Otherwise, Spec was off huntin' for himself. If he jumped a deer, it was goodbye Spec for half an hour until the deer had run out of the county. He always came back and he always got a wippin' when he got back, but we didn't shoot many birds over Spec's points for the first couple times out.

By contrast, my dog, Lady, wasn't as big as Spec, and she was lemon colored, friendly, didn't bark too much, and affectionate. Lady was so affectionate I had to boot her in the rear to make her work at all. But, when there were birds around Lady found 'em. Sometimes the birds were pretty far out in front when she pointed and I had to walk up behind her and we'd inch up on the covey together, but we could be pretty sure that when Lady pointed there were birds. She never got a wippin'; rather she usually got a pat on the head and a hug from me when the day's work was finished. I liked Lady a lot, even though she thought she was supposed to eat the quail instead of fetch 'em to me. I put up with Lady's faults because she was so friendly. It's mighty hard to be mad at a dog who wags her tail and smiles at you, dog fashion, every time you come into the yard. On the other hand, I hated to have to feed Joe's Spec because I was never sure he wouldn't bite me when I stepped into his pen.

As it happened durin' the time we lived in Georgia, I had a boss who made life pretty miserable. I no sooner moved down there than he demoted me for somethin' I couldn't help because I was followin' instructions; it made me kinda sore. So I growled at him a lot, never gave him a kind word, and talked nasty to him

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when things weren't right. It's a wonder I didn't get fired. Joe was a good friend. One day, when ol' Ben, my boss, had been particularly hard to live with, I was sittin' in Joe's kitchen over bourbon an' Sprite cussin' about Ben. This was several years before the Lord told me to go to seminary, and I did that sort of thing then. Joe listened for awhile and then said, "Phil, you look out there at Spec. Now that dog's you."

"What d' ye mean, Joe?"

"Well, now ol' Spec growls an' barks an' never minds what we tell him an' never pays attention to his job. So, every time we take him huntin' he gets a lickin'."

"That's right, so?"

You're just like that dog. You are cussin' about ol' Ben an' you have not yet gone to him an' set down to talk about things. You like your Lady a lot; mostly the reason you like her is she's affectionate and sort of happy to see you. She's not really as good a pointer as Spec, but she gets more birds for you because she stays close enough to be pointin' where you are instead of pointin' where you aint. Now if you approach Ben the way Lady approaches you, you'll get along a lot better."

"Joe, I don't think I can go in there right now, he's pretty sore at me. D'you think you could sorta put in a word that I'd like to talk to him?"

Joe shook his head and said, "NO. Now Phil, you remember when Lady pointed at that rattlesnake and sort of backed off from her with that nasty grimace on her face yesterday?"

"Yeah, I remember."

"An' you remember I told you it was your snake an' you'd have to shoot it?"

"Yeah, I see your point,"

The next day I went in early and found Ben in his office, sat down, and talked about things we didn't like and about gettin' along with each other. It turned out Ben wasn't so bad after all. I learned to pay attention to him and do what he said, and if I disagreed, I learned to go talk to him. Sometimes I was right and sometimes he was. Since he was boss it sort of worked out in a 30 to 70 ratio.

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Since comin' to seminary, I've forgotten that lesson once or twice. But everytime I go to a professor or some member of the administration, and talk to them face to face, it helps me remember. We can all get along alot better if we sit down together to talk over disagreements and find ways to solve them. A friendly, cooperative, cheerful attitude goes along way to makin' them easy to work at. An' like Joe said, it's our rattlesnake, an' we have to kill it; nobody else is goin' to do it for us.

The next time some faculty member or administration executive steps on somebody's toes that person ought to go see him about it. An' if it's somebody else's rattlesnake, you got not call to go in there and help out; you'll likely get bit. I know it's not easy to remember this when you're mad, but it's worth tryin'.

Be seein' ya,
Texas Brown Hat

CASE STUDY

On a fine Wednesday afternoon, while in my study preparing for my Sunday sermon, I received a phone call from Mr. U. He seemed very upset but would not tell me exactly what was wrong. I agreed to come over and see him immediately.

When I arrived, Mr. U, red-eyed and visibly upset, let me in. He showed me to the living room. Immediately, he sighed deeply and tears welled up in his eyes.

"I just don't know what to do," he began. "The steel plant just laid me off. How can I support my kids? Who will employ a forty-six year old man who's only poured steel all his life?"

Mr. U laid out the whole story. It seems his steel plant supplies Detroit carmakers directly. When car sales dropped in the recession, steel production dropped. When steel production dropped, the plant began laying off workers. Mr. U had seniority, but the company was so hard hit that 75% of its employees were released from their jobs. Mr. U was the last man in the 75% to be axed. He needed food immediately. The unemployment

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check would take a little while coming.

I treated this as a crisis situation. There was a precipitating event, change of behavior; it was an intellectual problem in that deciding what to do was needed. The immediate problem was to help get hold of food for Mr. U's family, and then to find employment.

This type of situation was not new to me. It seems that one-third of the men in my church were unemployed because of this recession. Our town's plants were nearly all based on the auto industry: steel, windshield glass, parts manufacturing. "Damned economy," I thought, "So heavily geared on the automotive industry that when it slows down, everything slows down."

I told Mr. U how I empathized with him, would support him, and continue to work with him. By the end of the counseling session, he seemed to be quite encouraged.

When I left, Mr. U walked me to my car and I felt I had sufficiently dealt with Mr. U's crisis. However, as I got into my new datsun to drive home, Mr. U suddenly seemed to get upset. I called him the next day to find out, but he refused to talk to me.

Patrick O'Pastor

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SCHEDULE FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY * MARCH 31

morning chapel service - 9:30
craft displays and demonstrations
-all day
Sacred Concert - 7:30 PM.- Chapel

THURSDAY* APRIL 1

morning chapel service -9:30
craft displays and demonstrations -
all day
special issue of the SEMINARIAN
covered dish supper - 6:00PM
(slide and film presentation)
variety show - 7:15 PM CABARET -
HUB THEATRE

FRIDAY* APRIL 2

morning chapel - 9:30
craft displays and demonstrations -
all day
bake contest -10:15 entrys in
10:30 judging
arts night and auction -8PM*HUB

Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God;
I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee
with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah

In Bishops Austin Pardue's book Prayer Works, he recommends an exercise to believers before they attempt to pray. He instructs them to sit alone in a room, relaxing as they breathe deeply. Then quietly repeat, "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" over and over--about five or six times slowly. Then one stops and just allows themselves to feel the presence of God around and through them.

At times when I have found prayer difficult, this method has always proved to be rewarding--and although prayer may still have been somewhat difficult, one real and powerful result has always been produced. The presence of God has always been known. No matter how "down in the dumps", or frustrated I have felt, that presence is always a buoying force. The presence of God is always positive, when I feel negative. One does not feel forgotten or alone--one loses any sense of "fear" or "dismay". Upon the completion of the period of meditation and "prayer", it is possible to once again affirm the words of the prophet, as one sets about their tasks knowing that God has "strengthened" them and will "help" and "uphold" them through their difficulties. Whether with words or in silent meditation, prayer always should assure us that the Lord is "with thee".

CS/ JG

POEM

A Chrysler-Plymouth dealer for money's sake
told people of the finest cars
America could make.

Mr. Dealer prospered well
in his business in the dell,
as people flocked from miles around
to get the best cars sold in town.

All was well until the recession fell
and Chryslers sold not so very well
and Dealer said, "Ah, what was the K---,
as if it was that he would tell
all the people living in his dell
that Chrysler's cars were not so
swell,
he bought a Mercedes (which He did not
sell)
from another dealer in the dell.

The Dealer's deals are now not
swell;
He's losing business in the dell.
"A hypocrite we all can tell;"
Say the people in the dell.

For whom this bell in the dell
includes the minister just as
well,
for when hard times seem to ungel
his pious stance perfected so well
the people can surely and easily
tell
when the pastor's faith in God
has fell,
and rancid rats the people smell
as the pastor serves not very well
and people's tears begin to swell.
They tell their pastor, "Go to
h---."

Patrick O'Pastor
DW

ANOTHER POEM *

Reprinted from "Renaissance" -
Lancaster County Prison

I am a person
small p
I am a man
very small m

I have a mind
no m at all
I have a heart
Big H

I have a Stomach
fluttery s
I have a DAMNED SOUL
All caps

Still, I have Hope

Big H

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Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow

CALENDAR

Monday, March 22

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| ** 8:00 A.M. | - Case Group | L204 |
| 9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. | - Chapel Service | Chapel |
| 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. | - CEU "Setting Goals, (6)
Managing Time, Using
Resources", Dr. Glasse | L200 |
| 10:00 A.M. | - CEU "Religion and American
Revolution" Dr. Payne (6) | L214 |
| 10:00 A.M. | - Planning Task Force | L204 |
| **12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M. | - Fellowship Group (4) | Kroehler's
Office |

Tuesday, March 23

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| ** 9:30 A.M. | - Chapel Service | Chapel |
| 10:00 A.M. | - CEU "Religion and American
Revolution" Dr. Payne (6) | L214 |
| 10:00 A.M. | - Planning Task Force | L204 |
| 1:00 P.M. | Board of Trustees Executive
Committee Meeting | L204 |
| ** 9:00 P.M. | - Bowling | |

Wednesday, March 24

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| ** 9:30 A.M. | - Chapel Service | Chapel |
| | FACULTY WORK DAY | |

Thursday, March 25

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| ** 9:30 A.M. | - Chapel Service | Chapel |
| 10:30 A.M. | - Executive Cabinet | |

Friday, March 26

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| ** 9:30 A.M. | - Chapel Service | Chapel |
| ** 2:30 P.M. | - Space Study Group Mtg. (8) | L105 |

DATES AHEAD

April 1-2 Arts Festival
April 10 - Easter Egg Hunt - ASW
April 12 - ASW Monthly Meeting

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COMMUNICATOR

Announcements

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS (1)

On Sunday evening, March 28, 1976, at 7:45 p.m., Dr. Robert W. Jenson, Professor of Systematic Theology, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, will give a talk at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Walnut and Pine Streets, on the subject "The Basis for Christian Hope in Today's World". The Evangelism Committee of Emmanuel wishes to extend to the faculty and seminary community a personal invitation to participate with them in this event.

GRADUATING SEMINARIANS (2)

Graduating Seminarians are requested to get the names and addresses of persons who are to receive Commencement invitations to the President's Office not later than March 31.

Edna Hafer

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS (3)

"Faith at Work" has several internships available for this summer for Seminarians who are interested in a "relational" style of ministry. Stipends are provided. Singles or couples.

Please contact Paul Thomas for information. (I was a summer intern Youth Minister last summer in Kansas and it was an incredibly rewarding experience).

Paul Thomas

FELLOWSHIP GROUP TO MEET (4)

All welcome - come and bring something munchable and shareable - in the space outside of Allen Kroehler's office on Monday, March 22 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 P.M.

Lulu Kellogg

OPPORTUNITIES (5)

(1) GUIDEPOSTS magazine is looking for an "ambassador" to travel throughout America to carry the message of GUIDEPOSTS to people, face-to-face. This "ambassador" will drive a 32-foot motor home with living accommodations for two. Further information regarding the job and qualifications for applicants, as well as application forms, are available in the CPDM office. If you are interested, you should stop in immediately as the job will be filled in the near future.

(2) A MINISTER OF EDUCATION is needed by a United Church of Christ congregation in North Carolina. A job description is available in the CPDM office.

(3) CAMPUS MINISTER: Someone with at least a B.D. or M.Div. degree is wanted to serve as campus minister at the University of Connecticut, beginning September 1, 1976. A job description is available in the CPDM office if you are interested.

Barbara Ober, CPDM